building centres in the affected region to assist the reconstruction programme. Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) has sanctioned machines for manufacturing innovative building materials and components in the worst affected areas of Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara to give technology support to the building centres being set up with HUDCO's assistance. BMTPC is also conducting a Rapid Damage Assessment Study, at the behest of the State Government, to ascertain the nature and extent of damage to housing stock caused by this event.

(c) BMTPC's machines have already reached the centres at Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara. HUDCO has already released a part of the loan to the State Government for starting reconstruction of houses immediately. The reconstruction of houses and the setting up of building centres have already been taken up and the work is in progress.

Agricultural Growth Rate

764. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to achieve a growth rate of 4.5 per cent per annum in agriculture output and a production target of 234 metric tonnes of foodgrains by the year 2001-2002; and

(b) what are the steps being taken by Government to achieve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The Ninth Five Plan Document approved by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 19th February, 1999 has projected a growth rate of about 4.5 per cent per annum in agricultural output and production of 234 million tonnes of foodgrains by 2001/2002.

(b) A regionally differentiated strategy based on agronomic, climatic and environmental conditions is being pursued to realise the full potential of growth in every region.